GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Andhra Pradesh District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2016 – Reduction in the rate of collection of DMF in respect of Limestone Slabs (Black) - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 157 Dated: 03-11-2016

Read the following:

1) G.O.Ms.No. 36, Ind. & Com. (M-II) Dept., Dt. 14.03.2016.
2) From the DM&G, GoAP., File bearing C.No.7598/MR/2014, under SFS, Dt.01.08.2016.

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ORDER :

In the G.O read above, rule 7 (b) of the Andhra Pradesh District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2016, stipulates to pay the District Mineral Fund equivalent to 30% of Seigniorage Fee for all the minor minerals, in addition to Seigniorage Fee to the respective DMF if the lease has not been granted through auction.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh has stated that the DMF is uniformly fixed for all minor minerals as 30% and however, in certain minerals like Napa Slabs / Sand or such minerals, which are consumed by poor people, need to be reconsidered in terms of Seigniorage Fee/ District Mineral Fund as the sand is being imposed zero Seigniorage Fee and District Mineral Fund. The Napa Slabs are also being used in construction as material as floor tiles by poor people in villages and hence the Seigniorage Fee and District Mineral Foundation be reduced in respect of Napa Slabs.

3. The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh has further stated that due to availability of ceramic tiles at cheaper rates, even villages are also swamped with cheaper ceramic tiles causing loss of market for the Napa Slabs and since more than 3000 families (about 1.5 lakh population) are directly depending in mining of Napa Slabs, it is appropriate to revise the Seigniorage Fee/ District Mineral Fund for Napa Slabs.

4. The Director of Mines and Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh has further stated that it is a normal experience in any ceramic activity that if taxes are increased beyond a point, illegal activity i.e. mining / transportation without payment of Seigniorage Fee/ District Mineral Fund would become rampant and becomes a challenge to the vigilance wing of mines department and that if cases were booked against them, it would lead to closure of these mines causing livelihood problem to the affected people.

5. Taking into consideration of the above circumstances, the Director of Mines and Geology has sent a proposal to the Government recommending to reduce the Seigniorage Fee in respect of Napa Slabs from Rs.8/- to Rs.5/- per Sq. Mtr and DMF from 30% to 10%.

6. After careful consideration of the matter, the Government hereby decided to reduce the rate of collection of DMF, from 30% to 10% in respect of Limestone Slabs (Black), for the sustainability of Black Napa Slab mining industry.

(P.T.O)

7. Accordingly, the following two Notifications will be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette**, Dt.03.11.2016.**

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU-Rev-I&C) Department vide their U.O.No. 45027/314/2016, Dt.03.09.2016**.**

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (4) of section 15, section 15A and 21 read with section 9B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 as amended by the Amendment Act, 2015, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby make the following amendment to the Andhra Pradesh District Mineral Foundation Trust Rules, 2016, issued in G.O.Ms.No.36, Industries and Commerce (M.II) Department, Dt. 14.03.2016.

AMENDMENT

In the said rules, in sub-rule (b) of rule 7,
after item (ii), the following shall be inserted namely,-
(iii) An amount equivalent to 10% of Seigniorage fee in respect of Limestone Slabs (Black)

The existing items (iii) and (iv) shall be re-numbered as (iv) and (v).

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. SREEDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase (Ptg. Wing), A.P. (He is requested to publish the above Notification in the Extra-ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh, and arrange to send 200 copies of the same to Government in Industries & Commerce (M.II) Department).
The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, M/s. APMDC Ltd., Hyderabad.
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All the District Collectors in the State.
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The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi.
The P.S to Secretary to C.M.
The P.S. to M(M&G).
The P.S to Secretary (Mines)
Sf/Sc Sf/Sc (C.No.9156/M.II/2016)

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